ELA 8 Summer Reading Assignment



(any version of this novel is acceptable)

The novel, *Nothing but the Truth* is a documentary-style novel that addresses such issues as relations among students, teachers, and schools; the complex nature of the truth; and the exploitation of "hot button" issues by politicians and the media.

While you are reading, annotate your text. You can highlight, underline, **and** write in the margins to record your thoughts and feelings about segments which you feel are important, add depth to the novel, and help develop the theme. Only highlighting the text does not successfully demonstrate thinking. When we return in August, we will have whole class and small group discussions about the book, so be sure to make note passages you find insightful. We will have a test on this novel at some point after we return to school.

You will also need to carefully provide complete, thorough, and original answers for each of the questions that you will find below. It is an expectation that you will have high-quality answers-not short phrases and one-sentence answers. Look up any terms or words you do not understand. Type each question using Times New Roman 12pt font and then answer the question underneath. You must bring a paper copy with the questions answered on the first day of school.

After Chapter 4:

Why does Philip do the things that he does?
What do you think of Miss Narwin so far?
How is Philip's school similar to and different from yours?

After Chapter 9:

Do you agree with what Philip has done? Why do Mr. and Mrs. Malloy act the way they do? How would you react in Philip's situation?

After Chapter 12:

How important is Allison Doresett in the plot?
What do you think Ted Griffen is going to do in the story?
What should the Assistant Principal (or any other character) do?